

DISTRICT CITIZENS  
HIRE STATISTICIAN  
OF STATE FOREVER

Committee Engages A. M. Fisher to Gather Data for Fiscal Relations Inquiry.

EXPERIENCED ACCOUNTANT  
BEGINS SERVICES MONDAY

All Facts Must Be Digested for Brief to Be Filed August 1—Many Contributions Required.

A. M. Fisher, expert statistician, was engaged today by the executive committee of the joint citizens' committee to aid in the collection and tabulation of facts to be used in preparation of a brief which is to be presented to the joint select congressional committee appointed to inquire into the fiscal relations between the District of Columbia and the federal government, and which are to be used also at an oral hearing before the congressional committee.

Mr. Fisher, it was announced, was selected by the executive committee after careful examination of offers from individual statisticians and accountants, and from several of the large accounting and audit companies of the country.

Mr. Fisher has had unusual experience in similar work in other cities as well as in important cases before the interstate commerce commission. He will begin his services Monday in a conference with the executive committee and the chairman of the sub-committees preparing to collect statistical and financial facts.

Data Wanted by May 15.

The executive committee has requested the subcommittees to have all the facts collected by May 15 in order that there may be adequate time to digest them for the brief which must be prepared and filed by the first of August under the understanding of the joint select committee of Congress, and it is expected that the subcommittees with the assistance of Mr. Fisher will be fully at work next week.

Chairman Macfarland said today that in view of the great extent of the work to be done and the short time in which to do it, the executive committee does not feel that it is wise to raise funds, believing that all the money necessary would be forthcoming from the joint citizens' committee or not the necessity for immediately sending their contributions of money to F. T. Moran, president of the Chamber of Commerce and chairman and treasurer of the committee on finance of the joint citizens' committee.

Although no canvass has yet been started, a few contributions of less than \$10 each have been sent in, but many more will be required.

All Citizens Interested.

Mr. Macfarland said that every man and woman in the District of Columbia was interested in the matter and that the citizens could be depended upon to support financially the entire voluntary services of the members of the joint citizens' committee. He said he desired to repeat that the money would be spent only for professional expert assistance and the necessary office expenses, including clerical services, printing, stationery and postage.

He said the executive committee had made the most economical arrangement possible for the necessary expert assistance, but it was well known that there were standard rates for the work of professional experts, so that considerable money was required. He said that the task of collecting and systematizing and presenting the great mass of facts in this case must be done thoroughly and accurately in view of the vast importance of the question at stake.

He said the spirit shown by the citizens generally indicated that it would be done in that way.

AMBROSE BIERCE IN FRANCE.

Long-Missing American Journalist Serving With British Army.

NEW YORK, April 3.—Friends of Maj. Ambrose Bierce, a famous journalist and soldier, who feared that he had been killed in Mexico last December, were surprised and relieved today to learn that his daughter in Bloomington, Ill., has received a letter from him stating that he is serving with the British in France.

Bierce was a member of the British army staff.

On the supposition that he was dead, articles concerning his mysterious disappearance and his unusual literary and military career had been published.

Maj. Bierce, who had served as a line officer through the civil war, left Washington last spring when the American expedition started for Vera Cruz, intending, it was understood, to proceed to such points in that country as an American invasion might reach. He was traced subsequently to Chihuahua City, where he was stationed at a time when a battle was impending. Subsequently no word from him had been received for eight months.

Spend Less for Easter Flowers.

NEW YORK, April 3.—New York florists will spend less money for Easter flowers this year than usual, owing to the fact that the demands for charity during the winter have been great. The flowers, however, are much cheaper than in former years. The Easter lily, of which had almost been abandoned, has again been adopted, the florists say. Prices for the lily this year average 12 cents a blossom.

Will Tell How to Preserve Eggs.

NEW YORK, April 3.—The National Housewives' League will inaugurate next week a campaign designed to teach women how to preserve eggs in times of plenty, so as to be dependent of the hen in times of scarcity. Frederick H. Stoneburn, formerly professor of poultry husbandry at the Connecticut Agricultural College, will deliver the first lecture at the league headquarters Monday, and for the next three months there will be free demonstrations of egg preservation at the league headquarters daily.

CARRANZA'S HOST  
TO 200 "JACKIES"

American Seamen, Ashore at Vera Cruz, Are Detained by Storm.

PROVIDED WITH QUARTERS  
BY MEXICAN COMMANDER

Meals Furnished Marooned Men Through Arrangements With United States Consul.

Two hundred bluejackets from the American fleet, marooned ashore at Vera Cruz for two days and unable to get back to their ships on account of rough weather, have been accorded every courtesy by the Carranza authorities.

The following announcement was made today at the State Department: "The department is in receipt of a dispatch from Vera Cruz, stating that several days ago a request of Rear Admiral Caperton for permission to land 200 men daily for liberty was granted."

Forced to Remain Ashore.

"On the night of April 1, on account of very rough weather, the men could not return to their ships, and through the courtesy of Rafael Zubaran, minister of the interior, they were given quarters in the customs house."

"Mr. Zubaran placed his chief clerk, an interpreter, and an automobile at the disposal of the officer in charge, with instructions to the proper authorities to provide a place for the night. It is stated that owing to continued rough weather the men were obliged to remain ashore again the night of April 2, and the admiral was advised by a radiogram. Meals were furnished through an arrangement of the American consul."

Other Official Advice.

Other advice to the department were summarized as follows: "The department is informed that Gen. Villa and Angeles have gone west from Monterey, which is reported quiet. Carranza forces from Laredo and surrounding towns are said to be concentrated at Tampasos."

"Advices dated April 1 from the west coast state that Carranza's forces are advancing in the direction of Guadaluajara, and that Jose M. Addis, an Italian subject, has been imprisoned for three weeks, apparently by the Carranzaists at Mazatlan. Conditions are quiet at Guaymas and Mazatlan."

DESECRATION OF FLAG  
NOW CLOSED INCIDENT

No Insult Meant to Stars and Stripes When McManus Was Murdered, U. S. Says.

Desecration of the Stars and Stripes, flying over the home of John B. McManus, an American citizen, murdered today, has been closed incident today. The Brazilian minister at the Mexican capital, who investigated the affair, reported that the insult to the American flag was the act of lawless persons, as a result of which the Washington government will not demand an apology.

Reparation already has been made by the Villa-Zapata authorities by the payment of \$20,000 indemnity to McManus' widow and the general expression of regret.

No Effort to Desecrate Flag.

"The Brazilian minister," said Mr. Bryan, "did not think the facts in the case showed any attempt on the part of any officers or authorities to desecrate the flag and he did not, therefore, regard it as a case where an apology should be asked."

Officials pointed out later that this attitude was in accord with the policy of the United States in dealing with such matters.

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AUSTRIA HAS OFFERED PROVINCES  
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PETROGRAD, April 2.—The Russian Slovo returns to the subject of alleged Austrian peace overtures. The newspaper asserts that the Austrian emperor appealed through the Pope to Berlin with a view to over-

UNITED STATES NOTE  
TO ENGLAND FRIENDLY

Text of Document May Be Made Public Next Tuesday.

LONDON, April 3.—Walter H. Page, the American ambassador, is negotiating with the foreign office concerning a satisfactory date for the publication both in the United States and England of the text of the American note dissenting from the British order in council outlining Great Britain's blockade plans. Next Tuesday probably will be agreed upon, although Wednesday may be selected. Earlier publication is difficult because the Easter holidays here constitute a hindrance. The text of the note is wholly friendly in its tone. It consists largely of a statement of the American conception of a legal blockade based on recent precedents.

After defining the American view, the note makes inquiry concerning the points in which the British plan of blockade differs from the American. The text is said to contain nothing justifying the reports printed here that the note was harsh in its terms.

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Steamers Lockwood and Schieland Fall Victim of German Torpedoes.

BOTH CREWS ESCAPE  
WITH ONE LIFE LOST

Norwegian Vessel Struck by Projectile During the Bombardment of Libau.

LONDON, April 3.—The British steamer Lockwood was torpedoed by a German submarine last night off Start point, in Devonshire. The members of the crew were saved.

The German submarine pursued the Lockwood for several miles without being able to gain a position from which she could discharge her torpedo. The projectile struck the steamer abaft the engine room, but the crew of twenty-five had time to lower a lifeboat. Later they were picked up by a trawler and brought into port.

Dutch Steamer Blown Up.

The Dutch steamer Schieland was blown up yesterday morning in the North sea at a point twenty-four miles from Spurn, on the east coast of England at the entrance to the Humber. One man of the vessel's crew was killed. The captain and seven other members of the crew were taken to Hull. Another boat with seven sailors from the Schieland reached Humber last night, after having been missing for a number of hours.

Crew Taken to Boats.

The captain stated that a terrific explosion occurred when the Schieland was blown up, damaging the steamer amidships. Besides the man killed, who was a fireman, three others were injured. The crew took to two boats. The boat commanded by the captain returned to the ship and remained by her until she sank. This boat later was picked up by a passing steamer. The second boat tried to make it, but, being unsuccessful, finally was taken in tow by a passing craft.

Norwegian Ship Struck.

A Reuter dispatch from Bergen says the Norwegian consul at Libau has reported to the owners of the Norwegian steamer, Lovstakken, was struck by projectiles during the German bombardment of Libau and seriously damaged. Capt. Handsland being killed by a shell fragment.

The Lovstakken is a vessel of 2,000 tons, owned by A. Olsen & Co. of Bergen.

STRIKERS DECLARE  
BOYCOTT ON BEER

Expect That Weapon to Force Local Breweries to Grant Their Demands.

The strike of the 250 brewery workers who walked out of Washington and nearby Virginia breweries Thursday afternoon assumed added importance today when it was announced that the brewers' union had decided to dilute in any trade or in any manner with organized labor in Washington has been called upon to "boycott" the product of the Washington and nearby Virginia breweries.

This "boycott" of beer is already having effect, and it is declared that wagons of the breweries are returning with the loads with which they set out, unable in many cases to make deliveries.

Here to Direct Strike.

Milton Snellings, first vice president of the International Union of Steam and Operating Engineers, a Washingtonian, and former president of the Central Labor Union, has returned to his home in this city, to direct the strike.

The brewery workers have a fund of \$100,000 with which to win this strike. Mr. Snellings said today, "and expect to win it in the same way we won an eleven-month fight in Los Angeles. That is, by employers' help to throw into the streets of the breweries. They got ready for that fight a couple of years in advance, but the end was the same."

On the frontier between the Fruth and Dulester rivers superior attacking forces are being paid out of the treasury. The Vienna official statement. The enemy everywhere was forced to beat a retreat after fighting lasting many hours. It is declared.

Fighting in the West.

Mining war is being continued in the regions of the Somme, La Boisselle and Damperre, with advantages for the French, according to the official statement issued in Paris today. Several hundred prisoners have been taken, it is declared.

The French statement makes mention of an aeroplane raid on the barracks, hangars and railway station at Valenciennes in France. Two aviators were subjected to a heavy fire. It is declared, but notwithstanding this several of their bombs were declared to have reached their target. All of the French machines returned safely to their base behind the lines.

Italy's King Aids Unemployed.

ROME, via Paris, April 3.—King Victor Emmanuel has sent to Premier Salandra \$20,000 to aid the unemployed in the Venetian provinces. The premier immediately sent \$10,000 to the mayor of Venice.

Sir Edward Grey to Take Holiday.

LONDON, April 3.—Premier Asquith temporarily has taken charge of the British foreign office, Sir Edward Grey having been compelled to take a short holiday. It is expected that Sir Edward will be away from the ministry about three weeks.

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Heavy Losses Are Declared to Have Been Inflicted Upon Teutons.

Vienna Says Success of Considerable Proportions Has Been Achieved. Allies Shield "Big Thrust" Plans.

LONDON, April 3.—The fluctuating struggle in the Carpathians seems to be nearing its decision, according to dispatches reaching London. By successive rushes amid ice and snow Russian troops are said to have carried a series of Austrian lines, and in the view of British observers, they bid fair soon to break through in force between the Lupkow and Uzsak passes.

In the west conditions bordering on stagnation prevail. The allies are keeping the Germans in the dark as to when and where the big thrust will come, and meanwhile they are speculating as to whether the invaders of France will risk a serious offensive while the situation in the east remains precarious.

Germans have been driven back along the Niemen front after stubborn fighting, according to Petrograd. Heavy losses have been inflicted on the foe, it is said.

Final Defeat Seen.

"The retreat of the Germans on the Niemen front," says the Morning Post Petrograd correspondent, "means a final defeat for Germany's best army corps—the 21st—which was brought especially from the Front to form the point of the wedge into Russia's line of communications."

"This corps got farthest in and is still twenty miles farther into Russian territory than any other corps which participated in this raid. Its retreat can only be extremely difficult. The Russian Front is now in a position of men do not run in favorable directions for the 21st."

Situation in Bukovina.

The fighting in Bukovina, according to information obtained from private sources, appears to be of more importance than is evident from the surface indications in official reports. The Austrians have gained there a success of considerable proportions, Vienna claims.

The Russians had massed in force to check a threatened Austro-Hungarian invasion and occupy northern Bukovina. They are said to have attached considerable forces to the effect that the Russians were completely defeated and driven back into Bessarabia, with very heavy losses in proportion to the numbers engaged.

Important Range Gained.

Strenuous fighting proceeds in the Carpathians according to Petrograd, the official Russian statement declaring that the engagement to the north of Vestilina, Bereghel and Gornia has been of the fiercest character. An important range of heights and almost all the summits of the Polonia range have been gained at the point of the battle.

Austrian counter attacks west of the railway to Mezolaborce have been repulsed, the enemy suffering heavily. More than 2,000 prisoners were taken Tuesday by a heavy fire. It is declared, but notwithstanding this several of their bombs were declared to have reached their target. All of the French machines returned safely to their base behind the lines.

Strikers Get Full Pay.

Today was pay day at strike headquarters, Costello Hall, for the men who walked out of the breweries. They are being paid out of the brewery workers' fund, and Mr. Snellings says they will be paid the same wages they would have earned if they had been at work, "as long as the \$100,000 lasts."

The out-of-town men are under no embarrassment because of the walk-out. Skilled foremen have taken charge of the breweries and the training of them. It is said that many out-of-town workers have obtained positions in the various breweries.

"Any overtures that may be made looking to a settlement of the strike will have to be made by those who walked out," was the statement made by Leon Tobnier, counsel for the brewers.

State Convention of Suffragists.

NEW YORK, April 3.—The first of the state conventions which the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage plans to hold in every state from Maine to California will be held in Baltimore, Md., May 5 and 6, it was announced today. Mrs. Edward Latimer will preside. Later conventions will be held at Wilmington, Del., under the direction of Miss Mabel Vernon; at Minneapolis, Minn., and Boston.

Daughters of the American Revolution Are Planning a Vocational School.

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